

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA. THURSDAY, JULY 15.

Yesterday there was another exciting debate in the French National Assembly. A motion offered by M. Haentjens that the proposition authorizing a new election in the Department of the Nievre within twenty days be declared urgent was lost by a vote of 296 yeas to 335 pays. M. Rouber continued his speech, begun Tuesday, contesting the right of the Assembly to annul an election on documentary evidence. and asserted that the reports of Bonapartist plots were intended to work upon the fears of the people in some quarters. He denied that the Bonapartists had tried to corrupt the army, or had intrigued with the Socialists and Communists. He charged the Left with endeavoring to obtain a renewal of the vote overthrowing the Empire, and which resulted in the estab lishment of the Republic, but said the Bonapartists would not give any pretext for such a step. He was frequently interrupted by the Legitimists and Republicans, M. Gambetta, of the latter, exclaiming, "The blood of the 2nd of December chokes you."

A cable dispatch, yesterday, announced the death of Guillame Henez Dufour, a Swiss general, born in Constance, Switzerland, in 1787. He entered the French army and obtained a commission in 1809, and served in the last campaign of Napoleon, and distinguished himself during the hundred days. A conservative in politics, the events of 1848 lost him some part of his popularity, but he afterwards rendered important services as a negotiator with foreign powers, especially in the question of the relations of Ticino and Neufchatel with Austria and Prussia, and shortly before the termination of the affair with Neufchatel he was again appointed commander-in-chief of the federal army in consequence of the warlike preparations of Prussia. Dufour was the author of several important works in French.

In the cotton States congress at Raleigh, N. C., yesterday. A resolution was adopted urging the establishment of State departments of agriculture. Direct trade and agricultural colleges were discused, and a report was made in favor of the re-establishment of the State bank- che captives to the Quapan reservation. He ing system. A constitution and by laws were adopted and officers elected for two years. Union of interest of the West and South and railway trunk lines were considered, and the question of co-operation with the Roachdale Co-operative Society of England was referred to the National Grange.

A letter received at San Francisco from Navigator Islands, says that the United States Commissioner had arrived there and was well recived. He had framed a constitution for the islanders, which had been accepted. It makes the monarch elective for a term of four years, to be taken from two old families of kings, named Malieloa and Topkia, and the first king under the new constitution was elected from the first named family. Col. Steinberger, the Commissioner, had been made Prime Minister for life.

At the commencement exercises at St. Agnes' Academy, at Memphis, Tenn., on the 22d of June last, a very excellent essay on Chivalry and its effects as to civilization, was read by Miss Marianne Semmes, daughter of B. J. Semmes, formerly of Washington, and neice of Admiral Semmes, of the U.S. Navy. The essay is published in full in the Southern Catholic, published in Memphis, by W. T. Powell, formerly of this city.

The U. S. Government had claims against Venezuela which were supposed to amount to over \$4,000,000, but which were cut down to two nations to settle the matter. Venezuela never has paid the award, however, and the matter was discussed in Cabinet meeting Tuesday. It is probable that energetic measures will now be taken to enforce payment.

David Dudley Field, of counsel for William M. Tweed, yesterday closed his argument before Judge Barrett, in Supreme Court Chambers, in New York, to vacate the order of arrest in the civil suit against Tweed, or to reduce the amount of bail. Judge Barrett reserved his decision.

In the Book Trade Convention at Niagara, N. Y., yesterday, a resolution was passed instructing the executive committee to prepare a petition to Congress praying that body to restore the former rates of postage on books and printed matter, and present the same to the members of the association for signatures.

The injuries of young Hartsook, who was mashed between cars at Lynchburg on Friday, will not likely prove fatal as at first supposed.

The Sunday-school Convention of the M. E. Church South, convened in Lexington, on

Tuesday.

THE GALAXY for August contains contributions from Dr. T. M. Coan, Justin McCarthy, Henry James, jr., John G Saxe Miss Wager, and other well-known writers. "A London June," the author of which modestly withholds his name from publication, is a graceful sketch of the social, political, and artistic side of the great metropolis, as seen by an American. Another noticeable article is Dr. Coan's "Z al ot and Student," a comparison between men of thought and men of action. Miss Wager's sketch of the talented and beautiful Countess or Albany and the Italian poet Alferi is a romantic bit of history. Mr. Whittaker contri- financial troubles. other historical sketch under the title of "Mohammed the Iconoclast." There are two shore stories in the number; one by Henry James, jr., the other by Miss Jurgensen. The departments of Science Literature, and Cur-

Whatever difference of opinion there may be in reference to the debt of Virginia, one thing is certain; if the Conservative party had not obtained and held possession of the government, the fate of South Carolina and Louisiana would doubtless have been ours, and it is equally true to sustain and guide the old ship.

The State Board of Immigration will in day or two issue a circular containing matter of information to intending settlers, and preparing a plan by which persons who have land to sell may successfully present the same to the attention of immigrants.

The report of the New York board of health shows 116 cases of small-pox for the past week, an increase of thirty four over the preceding week, despite the increased precautions taken by the board against the spread of the disease.

The Emperor of Germany arrived at Munich, the Capital of Bavaria, yesterday afternoon, and though travelling incognito, was enthusiastically received by a large crowd. After diving, he proceeded on his way to Salzburg.

A letter in the New Orleans Bulletin from Wilton, Florida, reports the lynching of a white man and a negro, each charged with rape. Verdict of coroner's jury, "Hanged by parties unknown, and served them right.' Sherwood Forest, the estate of Mr. Henry

Fizhugh, in Stafford county, containing 780 acres has been sold for \$17,000, and purchased by W. A. Little for the creditors. Fayette McMullen is understood to be a can-

didate for the Legislature from Smyth county. He is a standing candidate for office of any It is understood that Mayor Keiley, of Rich-

It is claimed that the census of New York city, now in progress, will give that city a population of 1,200,000.

NEWS OF THE DAY

To show the very age and body of the Times.

A dispatch from Shawneetown, Ill., says the heaviest rain fell Tuesday that has fallen for years. The track of the Springfield division of the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad in the vicinity of Mill Shoals is covered with water from three inches to two feet deep. It put out the fire of the engine yesterday as the train came through it. People in the bottom lands along the Obio and Wabash rivers are seriously alarm ed on account of the threatened overflow. A great many farmers have lost their entire crops by the floods.

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs is in receipt of a telegram from General Shanks, at present in the Indian Territory, explaining the delay in the removal of the Kiowa and Comanbeen released by the military, they consider that they have been already punished, and will not go to the reser-

An organized band of horse thieves are reported to be running off stock in the Arkansas Valley and along the Kansas border of the Indian Territory. On Monday ten of the band were brought into Wichita by a party of soldiers. Great excitement prevailed, and it is quite probable that some of the outlaws will be lynched.

The National Division Sons of Temperance of North America met in Providence yesterday. Ninety four representatives were present and twenty-seven representatives were initiated. John Straham, representative of the National Division of Great Britain, was introduced and for children, for he thought the sooner the welcomed in a speech by the Most Worthy Pa-

The trial of State Auditor Clinton, of Louisiana, charged with misdemeanor in issuing warrants to the amount of \$34,000 to George W. Benham, on the 29th of August, 1874, the same being unauthorized by law, commenced before the Superior Criminal Court in New Orleans yesterday morning.

Bell & Martain, grain merchants of Milwaus kee, Wis., bave failed, being unable to fulfill contracts for delivery of wheat to the amount of two hundred and forty thousand bushels. Another large house could not respond to calls for margin, but it is claimed will be relieved from its embarrassment to-day.

The Connecticut Senate yesterday passed a resolution repealing the charter of the American National Life and Trust Company of New Haven, unless the Company shall, before Sepand provide a full reinsurance upon its policies in force.

A storm Tuesday night did considerable damage at West Point, New York. Trees were uprooted, carriages overturned and several persons slightly injured. At Highland Falls a horse was struck by lightning and several child ren injured, none seriously. At Little Britian hail damaged the vegetation.

A singular drowning accident occurred yesterday at Mill Creek Station, near Pottsville. A young girl, while washing a floor, was seized with an epileptic fit, and falling forward with her head in a pail of water, was drowned before assistance reached her.

The recent heavy rains in England have swollen the streams in the valley of the Severn and cused serious inundations, a number of dwellings in Blackeney having been submerged. The waters are still rising, and considerable excitement exists.

A convention in the greenback interest has been called to meet at Detroit August 25th, and B. F. Butier, W. D. Kelly, Moses W. Field and others are expected to be present.

The Secretary of the Treasury has issued the twenty-second call for the redemption of fivetwenty bonds. The amount to be redeemed is ten million dollars in coupon bonds.

The meeting called by the London Radical clubs for last night in Trafalgar Square to protest against the grant for the Prince of Wales' Indian excursion was a failure.

The Cape May races are declared off. Neither the sweepstakes nor the steam yacht will be sailed for.

Moody and Sankey sail from Liverpool for New York on the 4th of August in the steamer Spain.

E. M. Pettingill's vinegar factory, at Boston, was yesterday seized for the illicit manufacture of distilled spirits.

John Wells, formerly a merchant of Atlanta, Ga., committed suicide Tuesday night. Cause, Meadow massacre is set for the 19.h instant at

Beaver, Utah. Smith College for Women was dedicated at rent Gossip, are always the favorite port of the Northampton, Mass., yesterday, in the presence of a large crowd.

The Educational Convention.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] MONTGOMERY WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, July, 14.-On the re assembling of the Educational Association at 4 p. m., yesterday, Col. Venable, from the committee on new members, Richmond, C. L. Scott, of Easton, Md., and Rev. J. H. Turner, of Blacksburg, as active members; one lady as an associate member, and Mr. W. LeConte Stevens, of the Savannah. Ga., High School, and Rev. H. J. Morton, Superintendent of Public Schools in Knoxville, Tenn., as honorary members, and they were all unanimously elected.

Rev. J. Wm. Jones, from the committee on nomination of officers then reported the names given in yesterday's letter, and after the substitution of that of L. M. Backford, of the Episcopal High School, for Mr. W. O. English, as Corresponding Secretary, at the request of the last named gentleman, the entire ticket was unanimously elected.

Dr. Ruffoer, in returning thanks for the nonor conferred upon him, took occasion to say he was not much of a parliamentarian, and that were the Association anything but a smail and quiet one, he would, undoubtedly, refuse it. He supposed the recent heavy rains had con tributed, with other causes, to render the meeting a small one, but it was, perhaps, better one way, that it should be so. He remembered once attending a synod when a proposition was made to divide it; a very worth; old brother rose and advocated it, his sole ground being that if the body was smaller he would have a chance to speak sometimes; whereas, as it was, though he had been a member nine years, he had never before obtained the floor. He boped the members would not do as had sometimes been done, plan for going home before the meeting ended. They were on one of the high places of the earth; the waters here ran into Albermarle Sound, those a few miles farther west, into the Mississippi. The ridge between this and Blacksburg, which constitutes the water shed is called the . Alleghamy, but in geological formation it was not part of that mighty chain, and he suggested, laughingly, mond, will be selected as the orator at the the appointment of a committee to ascertain to O'Connell centennial in Washington on the 6th what it did belong. In conclusion, he re related an anecdote of a relative of Henry Clay, who much resembled him, but, on being told of it, remarked that they made their living quite differently, Heary by his head, he being a dancing master, by his heels. The application was that as the young people wanted the ball room at night, for dancing, the Association had better give them their turn, and not hold a night session.

Mr. J. P. McGuire, jr., of McGuire's School Richmond, then read one of the best essays to which it has been my good fortune ever to listen, on "Method and Discipline," in lower schools. It was discussed by Messrs. W. English, W. L. Conte Stevens, of Georgia, H H. Harris, G. H. Swann, Principal of the Fig. eastle Public Schools, G. W. Taylor, of the Montgomery Public School and R. L. Carne; the last named giving the result of some experiments he had made as to the value of keeping in after school as a remedy for bad lessons. The remarks of Mr. Taylor, who is a very old genileman, were of rather a rambling character, but abounded in quaint expressions which kept the meeting convulsed with laughter. Dr Ruffner spoke of him as one who had taught most faithfully fifty years with the single interval of the time when, though much above military age, he had followed his sor the Confederate army to battle, and served his

country faithfully to the end. A report on Physical Culture in Schools for boys and girls, written by Rev. R. H. Phillips, of the Virginia F-male Institute, Staunton, with an addendum on Calisthenics by Wm. A. Simmons, of the Norfolk Public Schools, was then read by Wm. Rooin Terry, of the New London Academy, Botetourt Co., and discussed by him, and Mr. G. W. Taylor, Rev. H. T. Martin and Prot. C. S. Martin, of the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College, at Blacksburg. Prof. Martin spoke strongly of the good effects and drill and labor at that school and made some laughable remarks about peo ple who brought their children up in Sunday clothes, with injunctions never to play in the gutters. He saw no use for artificial exercise whole race died out the better for the rest of mankind.

On the re-assembling of the Association this morning, Hon. R G. H Keam, of Lynchourg, and Prof. Julius E Drayer, of Roanoke College, Salem, were reported and elected active members; Mrs. O. S. Pollock and Mrs. H. E. Donovau, of the Montgomery Female College, associate members; Mrs. Annie L. Walker, of the Manchester High School, having been so elected yesterday, and Rev. A. J. Bledsoe, of Baltimore, are honorary members.

Mr. Wm. H. Pleasants, of Hollin's Institute. Botetourt, then read an essay on 'The Comparative Value of Linguistic and Scientific Studies," written by Maj. R. W. Jones, of Mt. Washington College, and one on the same subject by himself, both of which were ably discussed by Dr. Biedsoe. Hon. W. H. Ruffuer, from the Committee on "Instruction in Mental and Moral Science" after explaining that Rev. Dr. Fitzpatrick, who was to have written that \$1,353,310 by a Commission selected by the tember 1st, make up the deficiency in its assets part of the report relating to colleges, was disabled, read a very excellent report on "Moral Training in Primary Schools," written by him-self. It was not discussed, because the hour for the address of Hon. R. G. H. Keane, Rector of the University of Virgina had arrived. This was a magnificent address, to which the limits of my letter can do no justice, and a copy of which was requested for publication.

> FIDELIS. A STRANGE DANCING MASTER. -The education of the agricultural laborer is a matter of leep interest at the present moment; his question as to whether ploughmen may act as dancing masters came before the Sheriff's Court at Perth on last Friday, when Michael Darcy, late a ploughman on a farm near Auchterarder, claimed £25 from his former employer on the ground that he had been illegally and unjustifiably dismissed from service on the 29th ultimo. The farmer admitted that he had dismissed the complainant, but denied that such dismissal was illegal. Darcy, he stated, had taken employment as a dancing master at Aberuthyen, had absented himself in the evenings to a late hour without leave, and had encouraged and enticed the other men and boys on the farm to attend his dancing lessons; he had also committed an act of disobedience by continuing to act as dancing master after having been requested to give up that occupation. It was further alleged against Darcy that, having absented himself without leave on the evening of Friday, the 28th ult., for the purpose of presiding at a ball, he returned only at five o'clock on the following morning, and then so drunk that he was incapable of doing any work on the Saturday. More serious still was the fact that most of the farmer's men who had attended Darey's ball were also incapacitated by drink from performing their work. Under these circumstances the Sheriff found the defence of justification proved, but to such an extent as not to warrant forfeiture of the whole wages due, which amounted to £10. He therefore awarded the pursuer £7 without costs. It is to be hoped, however, that ploughmen and agricultural laborers generally will not be of melting brown eyes from Baltimore, but if I discouraged from attempting to acquire grace-The trial of Lee and Dame for the Mountain ful and harmonious movements. The end of many merit a compliment; so farewell to the Missouri Mills, Prince William county, Va., on dancing is to realize perfect grace in motion, and in this it must be admitted the agricultu- other fish to fry. ral laborer is at present deficient.

Letter from Fauquier County.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] MARKHAM STATION, July 14.-Though in the opinion of some of the denizens of this delectable locality there was no room for improvement, yet the superior discernment of your inthat the success of that party is still requisite reported the names of W. W. Valentine, of telligent correspondent has enabled him to discover that this place has improved, and improved immensily, since he was last here. Of course, to those who live here, who are accustomed to this particuliar spot, and, who seldom traverse the prescribed boundaries of Marshall Magisterial District, these improvements are more ramiliar and less noticeable. But a tourist of taste and cultivation, as all tourists from your city are, cannot resist being favor ably impressed with the architectural excellence and proportion of the several beautiful cottages and dwellings, which have been recently erected at this place. B sides the material improve ments, a decided moral advance has been perfeeted by the suspension of two out of three red-ruin institutions, which lately conducted a spirited trafic here. Of these, A. Cable is the longest survivor-and long may he survive for the delightful beverages mixed by his magic band bring wee to up heart, and sorrow to no A. Wolf. household! They are too weak.

> rob the stable of Capt. John J. Edmonds, in which there were two horses, a night or two ago. It was exactly at one o'clock in the morning, but the Captain was on the look out, and catching a glimpse of the thief, just as his heels were suspended in the air and his body hali way in the stable window, fired three shots at him. The thief escaped, but it is not known whether any of the shots took effect. Iron ore of superior quality and in almost in-

An attempt was made by a negro man to

Evans Kidwell was kicked by a horse the other day and seriously crippled. The physician says he will soon be getting about again. exhaustible quantity, has been discovered in the Piedment Valley. Veins of it extend through the lands of Messrs. Henry Simpers, Armistead Chappelier, George Slater, and Peter Hartman. Some of these gentlemen, it is said, propose to develop the deposit. If any association of gentlemen can afford to undertake such an enterprise, they certainly can. They have the nerve, the ability and the where-

The amputation of one of Mr Walter Kerrick's legs was rendered necessary a short time since. He was afflicted with necrosis of the ankle joint. No fatal result is anticipated.

Dr. Walter Bruce, formerly of Baltimore, but for several years past a resident of this neighborhood, intends to remove to Vienna, Prussia. He will sail about the first of October. His family will join him shortly afterwards.

There are many persons from the cities spending their summer months in this neigh-borhood, among them the family of E. E. White, Collector of Internal Levenue, and Arthur Brown, esq., and bride, of your city. The latter gentleman, I believe, is a citizen of

Ten acres of land, adjoining Markham, were old by E. Helm, e-q., of Warrenton, a short time ago, to Wm. Marshall, for \$80 per acre; ive acres of the same tract were, also, sold to Ino Harold at the same figures.

Many persons will attend the re-union of Hampton's L gioo, at Manassas, on the 21st inst. The cemetery there should certainly be your childrens' children, and all good and true repaired before then.

I was among thirty persons who witnessed the performance of a very sovere and danger ous operation on Miss L Redmon, near Salem, in this county. Miss R is 29 years of age, and since her 8th year had been afflicted with a tumor, which had grown to an 1mmense size, necessitating its being carried in a bag. Several times the walls of this tumor, from engorgement of blood, had given away and she came near lo-ing her life from the loss of blood. Her general health was, from this loss of blood, gradually but surely, sinking. This enormous tumor, weighing six pounds and five and ahalf ounces, was situated just over the jugular vein and carotid artery, protruding from the ramus of the jaw of the right side to her ear, and was a source of constant and acute pain. In a long period of time Miss R. had suffered so severely and had become so emaciated that she was on the "very verge of the grave," when she was advised to consult Dr. Payne, of Markham. The Doctor, believing excission the exclusive means of cure, determined with the asassistance of Dr. Settle, a surgeon of acknowledged skill and firmness, to remove the tumor. It was the general public opinion that she would die under the knife. Yet, with great fortitude on her part, and with remarkable judgment and firmness on the part of the operators, the operation was successfully per formed. The tumor, when removed, could not have been gotten into an ordinary sized bucket. I consider this case one of the most remarkable on record, and too much praise cannot be bestowed upon young Dr. Daniel P. Payne, in whose care the patient wis. Though, at a distance of 15 miles, he has given her every attention. Dr. Payne has been unusually successful in his treatment of patients since he commenced to practice. My interest in this case had been excited by seeing Miss R. on the witness stand, in Warrenton, several courts ago, and I did not, at that time, suppose any living creature could survive the severance of so large and terrible an attachment from the body. But such is life. VISITOR.

Letter from the Warrenton Springs.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] FAUQUIER WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, July 14. - This beautiful spot so long famous and popular as a place of summer resort, although robbed of its artificial adornments by the incendiary hands of the "Grand Army of the Republie," under the immediate command of that friends will therefore be pleased to hear that in transplanted patriot Gen. Siegel, is even now Scotland he is learning to dance; and a curious | phonix-like about to rise from the ashes which have so long hid its loveliness, and take its place once more among the famed Virginia good tailor, and within a month you will find spas. Under the supervision of Dr. Harris, of Culpeper, the cabins and the new hotel at the Fauguier Springs have been fitted up and opened to visitors, and everything that can be done to enhance the pleasure of his guests is done by the genial and affable host. Last night was the grand opening ball of the season. Weber's band furnished the music. The night was perfect, and the gay throng that lacked but little of crowding the spacious ball room gave abundant evidence of the success of the entertain ment. Until supper they contented themselves with the simpler dances, alternate round and square, but afterwards twenty-two of the more enterprising couples took control of the floor, and in the graceful evolutions of that wonder fully beautiful dance, the "German," glided with the night, until the sun put both night and dancers to flight. Mr. Baily Kirkland, of Baltimore, Md., with a partner full as graceful as himself, "led the German." And following in their wake I might mention many lovely taces and sylph-like forms, and last, but not least, beautiful dresses, but that the midesty of our Virginia girls brooks not to see their names in print. Representatives of Warrenton, Culpeper, Alexandria, Bultimore and New Or leans were on the floor all vying with each other in grace and beauty. I cannot forbear to mention in passing one lovely pink silk with its don't set up to be a "sharp" of any kind; lovelier wearer from Warrenton, and one pair twelfth, subdue curiosity. commence I will never know when to stop so N'IMPORT QUI.

The American riflemen arrived in London The vessels composing the Oyster and Fish-ery Force of Maryland had a regatta yesterday. there being no demonstration in their behalf. last night, and proceeded quietly to their hotel,

[FOR THE GAZETTE. Anniversary Exercises.

On the sixth of this month a very pleasant surprise was given to Mr. John Mason, of Woodlawn, on his seventy-sixth birthday, by the members of his family and the guests stopping at his house. At 9 o'clock in the morning his little grandchildren and their friends, twenty-one in all, dressed in white, crowned with evergreens, and wearing flags upon their breasts, were arranged in front of the mansion. At 10 o'clock Mr. Mason was escorted by Mrs. S. Wolf and Mrs. Dr. Bebrend to a platform erected in the grove. The children marched after, bearing a cross inscribed 1799, a shield with sixteen stars, another with thirty-eight, a hardsome bequet, and a long festoon of evergreens. After them came his family and triends. The following is the order of exercises in the grove:

1. Song-Silver threads among the gold, by Mrs. Emma Wright and Mrs. H. Behrend. 2. Invocation, by Mr. O. T. Mason. 3. Song-Fahre Wohl, by Mrs. H. Beh-

4. Address to Mr. Mason, by Miss Florence 5. Presentation of a handsome family Bible on behalf of Mr. S. Wolf, Dr. A. Behrend, Mr. M. Price, Mr. R. Goldsemidt, and Mr.

E. Behrend, by Miss Florence A Wolf. 6. Address of Mr. Mason, and Old Hundred, sung by all.
7. Recitation - "Mother and Poet," by Miss

Fiorence A. Wolf. S. Blessing of the children, by Mr. Mason. 9 Closing address, by Mr. S. Woif. The following is a copy of the dedicatory ad-

dress by Miss Wolt: TO JOHN MASON, JULY 6, 1799, TO JULY 6, 1875. AET (76.)

To day, surrounded by your children, grandchildren and friends, you have reached the seventy-sixth mile-post on the journey from life finite to life infinite. The great Father has blest, has prospered you, has allowed you to pass beyond the allotted term of years. You are yet mentally vigorous, physically bale and hearty. You are part and portion of the history of your country. Your birth saw but six teen, your anniversary to-day sees thirty-eight States. We were then as an infant struggling for existence; to-day we are in full machood, recognized as a leader among the peoples of the earth. You have seen the rise and development of all the great and useful inventions of modern days; and what is remarkable, you have kept pace with them. The chief aim and object of your life, as we can gather it, has been to do your duty to God and man. Hence we find you to-day as the patriarchs of old, full of faith and hope. The clouds of adversity have not deterred, the bright skies have not caused you to neglect to do whatever you deemed right in conscience and proper in morals. Through many storms on land and on sea you have passed. You have often been tried, but have never been found wanting. The sturdy characteristics of your New England sires have not suffered by being transplanted to the soil of Virginia. We are on the eve of celebrating our National Centennial. May the God of our fathers permit you to see that day and many returns of that juful occasion. May He spare your dear wife, your children, and men to live on in bealth and happiness. May the evening stars of your life shine lovingly and bright. May the glow of a well-spent light you to Him who made the heavens and the earth. May sorrow and misfortune be banished from your home, and may finally the Augel of eternal life bring you the blissful re-

alization of your Christian faith and charity. God bless you. Amen. The addresses of Mr. Mason and of Mr. Wolf were very appropriate and full of feeling. The company adjourned to the house and partook of a sumptuous banquet. The wreaths, fligs, shields and festoons were hung tastefully around the old gentleman's room, and the company dispersed with a feeling of pleasure not soon to be forgotten. In the evening there was a fine display of fireworks.

WOODLAWN, FAIRFAX Co., July 13.

SPAIN. - A Madrid dispatch says that the article in the new constitution guaranteeing religious liberty will be supported when it comes up for the final action by a vete of 23 to 10. Advices from the frontier by way of Bayonne say that Dorregaray being unable to penetrate into French territory, has turned back toward Barbastro. A party of Carlists who were compelled to take refuge on French territory near Gavarnie had been arrested and interned. French troops had been sent from Pau to guard the frontier, Don Carlos is said to be at Villa Real with a strong force. The Madrid Imparcial states a Chinese diplomatic agent is coming to Madrid, and that Chinese Consuits will be appointed in Cuba.

A FLYING MACHINE. - The Baltimore Am-

"A young gentleman has invented a flying machine in which he proposes to cross the ocean during the present summer. The machine apwind mill and the steam launch. The voyager rides in a boat containing a small steam engine, which is used for moving the "wings" of the balloon and sleering it through the air The boat is attached to the flying machine with a rope and thus is drawn through the water. It is said that Mr. G. W. Gail will furnish the inventor, Mr. Schroeder, with the money to build one of these flying machines, and the contract for the same has already been given out."

LEGREDEMAIN, OR HOW TO PUT A WHOLE SUIT OF CLOTHES IN A JUNK BOTTLE. - Here is a trick worth a hundred of those great wizards of the North, try it: Every time you feel like taking a "horn," drop the price of a 'nipper' into a bottle, and take a glass of cold water. Repeat this until the bottle is full; then break it, and carry the contents to a yourself encased in a new suit of clothes without any trouble or expense to yourself. same can be done with hats, boots, &c. have known a cart load of wood and a barrel of flour to be transmogrified in a similar man-

The following is the number of meetings held by Moody and Saukey in London during the past four mouths, with the aggregate of attendance: In Camberwell, 60 meetings, attended by 480,000 people; in Victoria, 45 meetings, attended by 40 000; in the Opera House, 60 meetings, attended by 330,000; in Bow. 60 meetings, attended by 600,000, and in Agricultural Hall, 60 meetings, attended by 720,000. The amount of money expended for buildings, printing, stewards, etc., is \$140,000. Moody and Sankey have declined to receive any compensation from the committee,

THE SECRET OF HEALTH. - First, keep cool; second, eat regularly and slowly; third, main tain regular bodily habits; fourth, take early and very light suppers-or, better still, none at all; tifth, keep a clean skin; sixth, get plenty of sleep at night; seventh, keep cheerful and respectable company; eighth, keep out of deb; ninth, don't set your mind on things you don't need; tenth, mind your own tusiness; eleventh,

A new postoffice has been established at belles and the beaux and the bali-I've got the route from Belfair Mills to Dumfries, with Dr. W. B. Leary as postmaster.

> A subscription list in aid of the sufferers by the late floods in France has been opened by | or all s the French Vice Consul at Montreal.

AGRICULTURAL.

CABBAGE -The first good rain set out, on and highly enriched and well prepared, your Savoy and Fist Dutch, and such other sorts as you may choose for your winter supply. Plant out some red cabbage for pickles and slaw; for the last, mixed with the white, it is ornamental and very firm. If no rain: come soon, it were better to water and plant a few hundred each evening. They do not require much of a sea-son. Plant deep, up to the first leaves; set in the roots even and smooth. A good plan is to have a bucket of fine manure, slacked ash s, a little salt and rich earth reduced to a lob-loily with water or soap suds, and dip in the roots as the plants are drawn from the bed; plant before it dries and falls off. Be sure and plant a large number of cabbages, more than you will need for home consumption, as there may be a failure from various causes; and if no failure, they are always saleable, or worth their cost for the cows. An acre in winter cabbage is none too small a patch for any larmer, whether he farms on a large or a small scale. Should you tear the cut worm, strew salt slong the rows or on the hills a tew days before you plant. In future culture use plaster freely and often; no plant relishes, and is benefitted more by plaster, than the cabbage, as it, like tobacco, is a broad leaved plant, and this fertilized is peculiarly adapted to broad leave; plants.-[Maryland Farmer for July.

TeBacco. - Plant the crop as soon as possible. Weed in a few days; plaster directly; run two furrows with a small plow in the rows, throwing the earth from the plants into a ridge in the middle of the rows; in a week either cross the salt ploughing, if it be planted in hills, or it in drills, split the drills with shovel plows so as to return fresh earth about the plants on each side, at one time going down each row. Cultivate or shovel the crop at least every day until the plants interfere, then work with the hoe, leaving the crop to mature, with a flat hill or level urface about the plant, and, if you can, with a slight depression about the centre stem of the plant, so as to catch and retain all the rain it can. This is the month for the chief "glut of the worms." Have turkies carefully driven over the field each day, morning and night, while the plants are small, provide a large num-ber of turkies, and if the ground be near the house, ducks ought to be raised in num-bers, as they are efficient in catching the worms. Much of the value of the turkey is dependent on the drivers, who can, if they will soon teach the turkey to find and kill the worms. Hand-worming must also be resorted to-at once destroy this glut, and you will have but little trouble with those that come in August .-[Maryland Farmer.

The destruction of birds and shade trees ought t) be made felonies. The Western people have found out that their grass opper plague is largely due to the killing of their tards, and shade trees have important functions in promot-ing the general health and comfort.

A feed store on Twenty-third street and Pennsylvania avenue, in Washington, occupied by J J. Gleason, was set on fire yesterday afternoon by two little lads playing with matches and burned down. The loss is estimated at

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COMMERCIAL.

ALEXAND IA MARKET, July 15 .- The recoipts of Wheat are extremely light, and the market for be t qualities is active and firm; sales of a prime white for at 135. Corn is active and firm, and prices are laze better; offerings of 727 bushels, with sales of white at 95, and mixed at

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Schr White Foam, Providence, by American Coal Co. Schr Lucy Wright, from Georgetown. MEMORANDA Schr Colin C Baker, hence, at Boston 13th. Schr Ellen T b n, hence for Allyn's Point, at

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CHAS. H. COLLINS. Alexandria, Va., July 1, 1875 NOTICE.-My brother, ETHELBERT MILBURN, has this day purchased an

interest in my business, and we have formed Copartnership under the firm name of J. C. & E. MILBURN. Thanking my friends and the public generally for the liberal patronage heretotore extended me, I respectfully solicit a continuance of the same for the new firm. J. C. & E. Mi.burn will

sign in settlement of accounts due me. J. C. MILBURN. Alexandria, Va., July 1st, 1875.

CALLING attention to the above notice, 1 hope, by strict attention to business, to merit a liberal share of the patronage of my friends and the public.

E. MILBURN. NOTICE TO CITY TAX PAYERS.

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, ALEXANDRIA, VA., July 1, 1875. The attention of all parties interested is respectfully called to the following provision in

the Revenue Bill of 1875, viz:
"The Collectors of Taxes shall make a discount of five per cent on all tax bills paid in full by the loth of July; of four per cent on all such paid in full by the 1st of August; of three per cent on all such paid in full by the 1st of September; of two per cent on all such paid in full by the 1st of October, and of one per cent on all such paid in full by the 15th of October, 1875, and shall furnish the Finance Committee with a list of the names, dates and discounts allowed in all cases as aforesaid; for the amounts of which discounts they shall have credit."

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